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c.1855-1880's

319-301 E. Cross St. (South side)/1127-1129 Hall Alley (East side)
Baltimore, Md.

Private access

Although a number of houses were originally built along the south side of the 300 block of E. Cross St. in the 1830's or earlier, none now survive in their original condition, if at all. The block is improved mainly with late Victorian style houses. At 313-319 E. Cross St. there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in 1877-1878 by Joseph Thuman, a local house carpenter. At 309 E. Cross St. (to the west of Hall Alley, which runs down the center of the block), there is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice, which may, however, represent a remodeling of the original 1830's-period brick house known to have existed on this site. At 305-307 E. Cross St. there is a pair of late Victorian style two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs but no extant roof cornices. Finally, at 303 E. Cross St., there is a three story, two bay wide brick house and at 301 E. Cross St., a three story, three bay wide brick house, both of which have shed roofs but no extant roof cornices. These latter two houses seem to represent post Civil War remodelings of original gable-roofed houses built on the site about 1855. At 1127-1129 Hall Alley there is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, set on high basements, which are typical of the type of small alley house built for low-income families in the 1850's and 1860's. The houses are the only surviving houses along this block of Hall Alley, which was originally improved with a number of such houses.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

309 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice represents an enlargement of the original gable roofed house that was built on this site in the 1840's and formed part of a row of such houses extending along this side of Cross St. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front.

The house is three stories in height, 13 1/2' wide, and occupies a lot 60' deep. The house extends back six bays along Hall Alley and there are no rear additions. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of dentils and a molding strip. Three grooved brackets support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip. The brick freize area thus formed is punctuated by two punched metal ventilating panels. The two end brackets terminate at their upper edges in knobbed "anthemions." There is a single rectangular chimney located along both the front and rear sections of the west side of the house.

The second and third floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. The sills are wood. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor has been converted into a store-front with a multi-light glass and panel door located in the easternmost bay and flanked by a four-light shop window set on a wooden paneled base. The door is set beneath a single light transom bordered by a row of quarter-round carvings and a row of dentils. Three brackets the simple cornice which extends across the entire store-front. It consists only of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a deep freize area decorated with a center molding strip. The entrance is reached by one stone step.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c.1840's (orig)./enl.1870's BUILDER/ARCHITECT Elisha Dickerson (original)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a fairly large number of houses in the area that were originally built with gable roofs and simple brick cornices, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the front roof gable being raised so that it resembles a shed roof, and a modern bracketed cornice added. At some subsequent date the first floor area was converted into a store-front.

The first house to occupy this site was built by Elisha Dickerson, who had a shoemaking shop at this location in the 1850's. After Dickerson's death the house was occupied by his daughter and son-in-law, Columbus Tyler, a mariner.¹ The next owner, a James Galloway, a fisherman who bought the property in 1873, most likely made the enlargement and improvements.²

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber WG 141, Folio 632; AM 353, Folio 18; Baltimore City Directory, 1831, 1855-56, 1865, 1870

²Ibid., GR 603, Folio 550; B.C.D., 1874

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13'6" x 60'**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

4/79

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

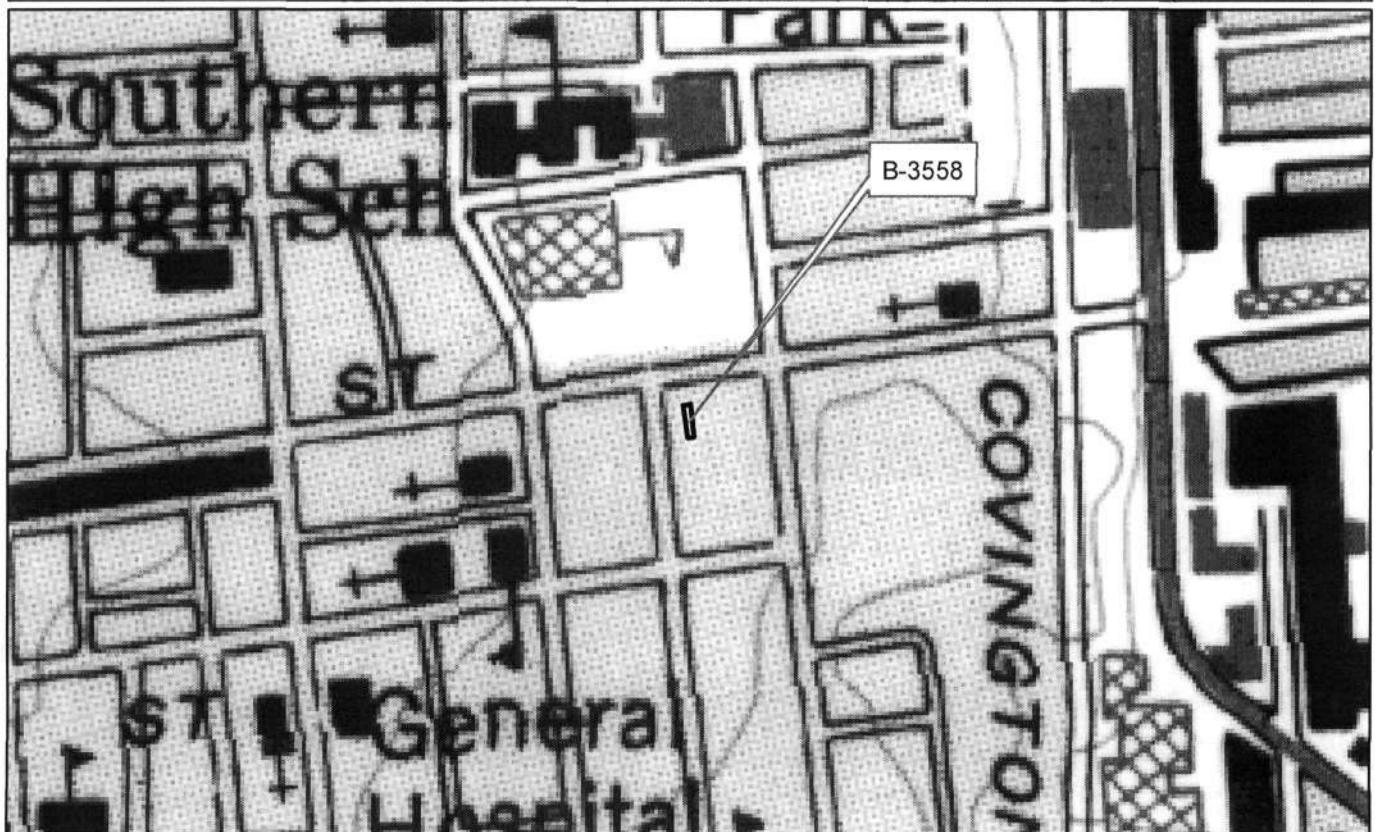
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309 E. Cross St.

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North elevation